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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Schoenefeld airfield between 24 April and 15 May 1953:

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24 April to 13 May. Aircraft observed at the airfield included 4 to 5 Li-2s on hardstand

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air activity. An average of five planes daily took off and landed at the field. A total of about 18 Li-2s were parked south of buildings Nos 41 and 41a. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 2 and 4 May, three Li-2s made local flights while radio truck

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 with a rod antenna was in operation.14 and 15 May. Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., local flying was practiced by Li-2s. On 15 May between 6 p.m. and 1 a.m., take-offs and landings were practiced by four Li-2s.

At night, the planes flew with set position lights and illuminated the runway with landing lights. No ground searchlights were in operation but the boundary lights were switched on.

2. Four air force senior lieutenants were observed wearing the following golden insignia on the right side of their blouses: two straight wings in the middle of which there was a bomb with a red Soviet star on top. The insignia was about 12 cm long and 2 cm wide. Air force members of all grades at the field wore an insignia representing a pale blue shield, about 5 cm high, with a white parachute the ropes of which met at the tip of the shield.²

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3. Trucks observed at the field with driver wearing black-bordered claret epaulets.

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4. On 9 May, 15 twin-engine planes were observed in the northwestern section of the field and 5 twin-engine aircraft and 2 biplanes in the northeastern corner. Between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., individual flights were made by twin-engine planes. Two planes left the field. There was changeable weather. On 10 May, 19 twin-engine aircraft were counted in the northwestern section of the field and 7 additional twin-engine planes were

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25X1 Construction work was under way on a circular taxiway along the northern edge of the field.

5. The following observations were made at the field between 14 and 25 May:
14 May. A total of 19 Li-2s were parked in the northern section of the field. There was intensive air activity by Li-2s which circled once.

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16 May. Between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., there was no air activity although the weather was favorable. Six Li-2s were observed in the northeastern corner and 17 Li-2s on the western edge of the field.

19 May. Between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., local flying was practiced by Li-2s while there was very good visibility.

21 May. The occupation of the field was unchanged. At 8:10 p.m., two twin-engine planes took off from the field. Between 9 p.m. and midnight, local flying was continuously practiced by Li-2s, while the Schoenefeld-Diepensee road was blocked east of the field.¹

25 May. Between 8 a.m. and noon, individual Li-2s took off and left the field.

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1. Comment. Schoenefeld airfield is still occupied by an air transport regiment with about 35 Li-2s and, probably, a transport and courier squadron of the GOFG, equipped with 10 to 12 Li-2s.

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2. Comment. The same insignia were previously reported.

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